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C O N F I D E N T I A L USUN 2216

GENEVA FOR AMBASSADOR YOUNG

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PORG, SF, RH, JA, IC, ESTC  
SUBJ: JAPANESE INTERESTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA

REF: STATE 161217 (BEING REPEATED TO TOKYO)

1. DURING PAST SEVERAL MONTHS OF INTENSIVE WORK ON VARIOUS SOUTHERN AFRICAN PROBLEMS BY US, WESTERN AND AFRICAN GOVTS, USUN HAS MADE AN EFFORT TO KEEP THE JAPANESE MISSION TO UN GENERALLY INFORMED ABOUT DEVELOPMENTS AND STATUS OF OUR ACTIONS. JUN INITIALLY SHOWED LITTLE INTEREST IN FOLLOWING THESE MATTERS COLSELY. IN PAST SEVERAL WEEKS, HOWEVER, MEMBERS OF JUN HAVE INDICATED THAT THEY PERCEIVE DIRECT IMPLICATIONS FOR JAPANESE INTERESTS IN OUR INITIATIVE ON SEVERAL FRONTS. THEY HAVE APPEARED TO BE MOST INTERESTED IN GAUGING ANY TRENDS TOWARD EXPANSION OR TIGHTENING OF SANCTIONS IMPLEMENTATION AND ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL PRESSURES DIRECTLY AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA.

2. DURING USUN'S MOST RECENT BRIEFING OF THE JAPANESE  
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ON JULY 6, THEY REVEALED THAT THEY WERE UNDER INSTRUCTION TO INFORM THE UN SECRETARIAT IN LOW KEY THAT JAPAN IS INSTITUTEING PROCEDURES FOR TESTING ORES AND SEMI-FINISHED METALS IMPORTED FROM SOUTHERN AFRICA IN AN EFFORT TO DETERMINE ORIGINS. THEY MADE CLEAR THAT THIS ACTION IS BEING TAKEN TO ANTICIPATE EXPECTED PRESSURES FOR STRICTER ENFORCEMENT OF EXISTING SANCTIONS AGAINST RHODESIA. IF THIS

ACTION HAS ALREADY BEEN TAKEN, THERE HAS BEEN NO PUBLICATION OF IT BY THE UN. USUN POLCOUNS DECLINED TO SPECULATE ON FURTHER DECISIONS THAT MIGHT BE TAKEN BY US AND UK TO TIGHTEN IMPLEMENTATION OR EXPANSION OF SANCTIONS, BUT HE STATED THAT THE GOVTS ARE PRESENTLY ACTIVELY STUDYING ADDITIONAL ACTIONS THAT MIGHT BE FEASIBLE AND EFFECTIVE.

3. REFTTEL NOTES THAT IO ASSISTANT SECRETARY MAYNES WAS TOLD BY THE SWEDISH GOVT THAT THEY HAVE FOUND SUPPORT FROM JAPAN FOR THE SWEDISH NEW INVESTMENT PROPOSAL. IF THE DEPARTMENT AGREES, WE THINK IT MIGHT BE USEFUL FOR EMBASSY TOKYO TO EXPLORE CURRENT JAPANESE ATTITUDES TOWARD THE SWEDISH PROPOSAL, AND BEYOND THAT TOWARD WESTERN INITIATIVES, INCLUDING SANCTIONS, IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.  
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